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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROKI HAYASHI, et al.) Examiner: M. Nghiem
Application No.: 09/726,021) Group Art Unit: 2863
Filed: November 30, 2000)
For: SURFACE REFORMED FIBER BODY,)
LIQUID CONTAINER USING FIBER)
ABSORBER AND METHOD OF)
PRODUCING FIBER ABSORBER FOR)
USE IN LIQUID EJECTION) August 26, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

On August 25, 2003, Ms. Trina Steptoe in TC2800 telephoned the undersigned attorney to advise that the Petition For Extension Of Time and the Notice Of Appeal (both dated July 24, 2003) could not be entered for this case since the case was not currently subject to a rejection that had been made "final".

Ms. Steptoe is correct. The undersigned had mistakenly relied on an incorrect entry in his computerized docketing system which indicated that the application had been rejected finally, and would not have filed either of these papers if he had been aware of the actual situation.

Ms Steptoe also advised that a request could be filed for a refund of associated fees for the extension and the appeal.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested for the USPTO to refund \$520.00 for the extension fee and \$320.00 for the appeal fee, both of which were paid by mistake. See 37 C.F.R. §1.26(a). It is further requested that the Petition For Extension Of Time and the Notice Of Appeal be purged from the file, for the reason that the application is not under a rejection that has been made "final".

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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